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THERE
THEY ARE.

THE
MOMENT HAS
ARRIVED.*



*EVERYONE IN SPACE IS TALKING
THROUGH THE MIRACLE OF
WIRELESS, NEEDLESS TO SAY.
--Needless Matt.

THE BLACK RING PART TEN

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BORN IN SMALLVILLE
BUT BELIEVING HIMSELF
SUPERIOR, HE MURDERED HIS
FATHER TO ESCAPE SMALLTOWN AMERICA
AND BUILT AN EMPIRE ON HIS GENIUS.
THE SWORN ENEMY OF SUPERMAN, HE HAS
VOWED THAT THE WORLD WILL TURN ITS
BACK ON THE MAN OF STEEL AND INSTEAD
EMBRACE HUMANITY'S CHAMPION...
AND FUTURE RULER.

LEX LUTHOR



THIS
MAKES IT ALL
WORTHWHILE.

MY
NEAR-DEATH
EXPERIENCE--




--THE
SACRIFICES
OF SPALDING
AND FINCH--

--HAVING
TO DEAL WITH
GRODD AND
SAVAGE AND
LARFLEEZE...



ALL FOR
THIS.

NOTHING
CAN STOP
ME NOW.



LUTHOR.

WHAT?!



NO! NO...
THIS CAN'T
BE...

THIS
CAN'T...

OH
PLEASE,
NO.

IT WAS NOT
YOUR QUEST,
LUTHOR.

YOU WERE
WORKING FOR
BRAINIAC.

"WHEN YOU CHOSE
TO UTILIZE MY
TECHNOLOGY IN
YOUR ROBOT--

"--YOU GAVE ME
THE OPPORTUNITY
TO WATCH YOU. TO
MANIPULATE YOU.

"YOUR 'LOIS' HAS
BEEN FOLLOWING
MY COMMANDS.

"SHE INTRODUCED INTO
YOUR BLOODSTREAM,
THROUGH A WOUND--

"--A COLONY OF VIRAL
NANITES, UNDETECTABLE
BY YOUR SUPPOSEDLY
ADVANCED BIOSECURITY--

"--WHICH WERE
ENCOURAGED
TO ENTER YOUR
BRAIN--

"THEY KEPT YOU ON
COURSE. THEY MADE
YOU DREAM THAT YOU
NEEDED TO CHANGE
THE SPHERES--

"--THROUGH
A RUSH OF
BLOOD TO
THE HEAD.

"--RATHER THAN
SPEND DECADES
STUDYING THEM."



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TO HAVE
ALTERED YOUR
BEHAVIOR
FURTHER WOULD
HAVE AROUSED
YOUR
SUSPICIONS.

CONCLUSION:
YOU ASSUMED ALL THE
RISKS FOR ME, WHILE
I SAFELY COLLECTED
THESE REMAINING
SPHERES.
NOW YOUR
ROBOT WILL ALTER
THEM FOR ME. AND
I WILL CLAIM THE
KNOWLEDGE/
POWER.

LEX, I'M SO
SORRY--!

--I COULDN'T
STOP MYSELF!
I TRIED TO
FIGHT HIM--!

LOIS, I
CAN'T DEAL
WITH--

I...
I'M--

--I'M REALLY
SUCH A TERRIBLE
ACTOR.

WELL, ONE
CAN'T BE GOOD AT
EVERYTHING.

I'VE BEEN
EXPECTING YOU,
BRAINIAC.

ALMOST FROM
THE MOMENT I
WONDERED...

...WHY A
ROBOT NEEDED
CONCEALER.

I MADE HER
WELL, BUT NOT
THAT WELL.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I GOT
AWAY WITH
"NOTHING CAN
STOP ME NOW."

"I GOT A CLOSE LOOK
AT THE NEW BIO-CIRCUITRY
GROWTH INSIDE LOIS WHEN
SAVAGE BISECTED HER."

"ALL OF WHICH ENCAPSULATES
MUCH OF OUR SAGA SO FAR."
--Cosmo Matt.



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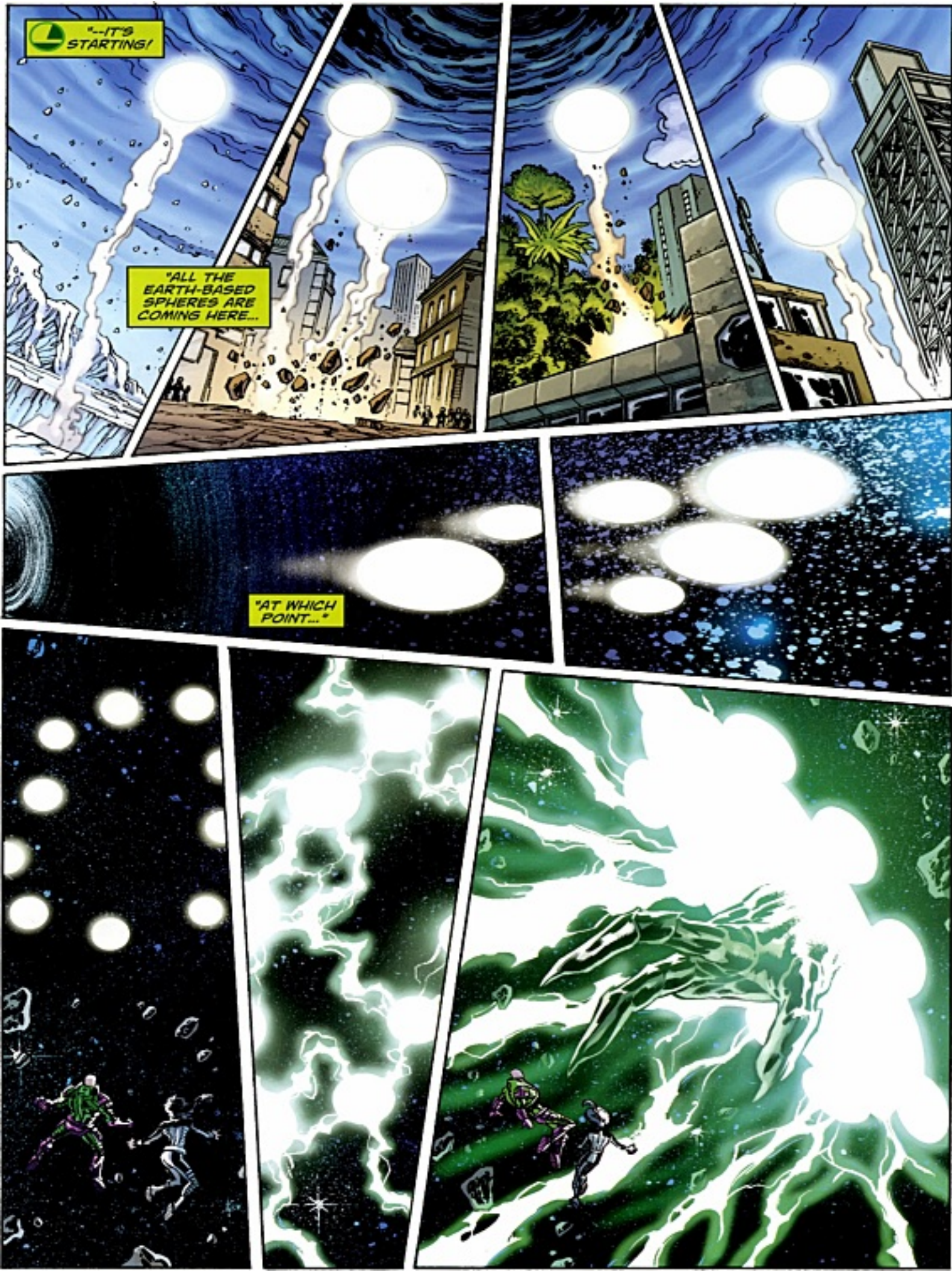


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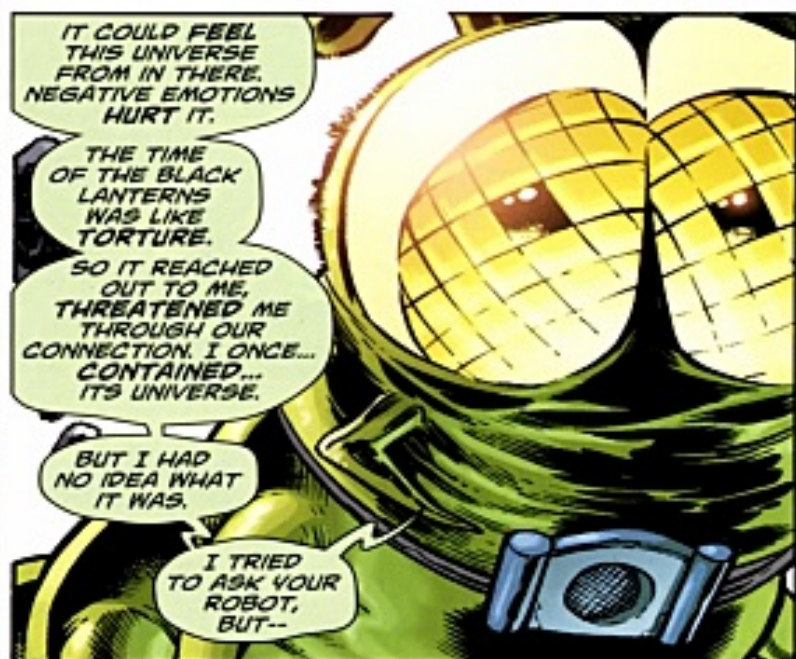
...IT'S
STARTING!

"ALL THE
EARTH-BASED
SPHERES ARE
COMING HERE..."

"AT WHICH
POINT..."







IT KEPT ME
IN THE DARK. IF IT
HAD TRIED TO USE ME
TO OPEN THE DOOR,
I'D HAVE DELAYED IT,
MAYBE EVEN FOUND A
WAY TO STOP IT.

I GUESS IT KNEW
THAT, THOUGHT IT
BETTER TO TRICK
SOMEONE.

IT MADE ME
PLACE SCIENTIFIC
CLUES AND NEWS
STORIES FOR YOU TO
FIND. I SENT YOU ON
THE QUEST THAT
BRAINIAC TRIED
TO HIJACK.

BUT THERE
IS NO POWER TO
BE HAD HERE,
LUTHOR!

THERE IS ONLY
DESTRUCTION!
IT...

THE CREATURE
WILL NOW BEGIN
TO END NEGATIVE
EMOTION IN OUR
UNIVERSE--

--BY
ENDING ALL
LIFE IN THE
UNIVERSE!

...IT WANTS
YOU TO KNOW
THAT. BEFORE
YOU DIE.

DOO TAARRRR!!!!



YES, YES.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD
BE SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

I'VE
PLANNED
FOR IT.

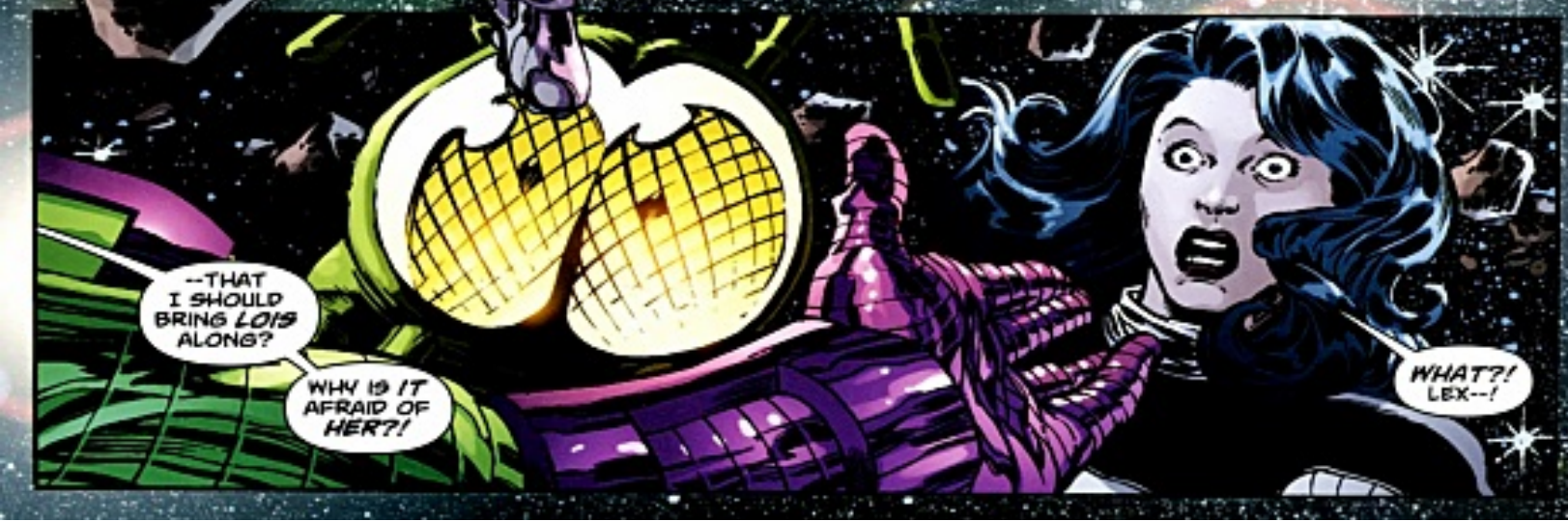
ANSWER
ME THIS--

--IF IT'S REALLY
ALL-POWERFUL--



--WHY DID IT GET
YOU TO KIDNAP ME AND
HAVE US FIGHT AN
ENORMOUS BATTLE
IN MY BRAIN--

--JUST TO STOP
ME FROM GIVING IN
TO THE SUGGESTION
FROM BRAINIAC'S
NANITES--



--THAT
I SHOULD
BRING LOIS
ALONG?

WHY IS IT
AFRAID OF
HER?!

WHAT?!
LEX--!

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YOU THINK
I'M GONNA BE
ANY USE--

--AGAINST
THAT
THING?

I GOT A
LOAD OF GUNS,
BUT--

NO.
HUSH.

LOIS, I'M
SO SORRY FOR
WHAT'S ABOUT
TO HAPPEN.

AS BRAINIAC
INDICATED, YOU'VE
GOT KRYPTONIAN
REMOTE CONTROL
TECHNOLOGY
INSIDE YOU.

(FORCEFIELD
TO MINIMUM. JAY
WELL, I CAN ALWAYS
MAKE ANOTHER
HAND.)

KRYPTONIANS
LEARNED TO
MANIPULATE THE
PHANTOM ZONE
LONG AGO.

THESE NANITES OF
BRAINIAC'S THAT I'VE SPENT
WEEKS HACKING INTO? ALSO
KRYPTONIAN. THEY'VE
CREATED A CONTROL LINK
BETWEEN US--

--A LINK
THAT CAN BE
REVERSED!

Nothing can kill him.

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the supernatural forces
of the DC Universe
from trying.



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THE NANITES TRIED
TO CONTROL ME--



--BUT I CAN
CONTROL THEM!



I'M FOLLOWING
PROPHECY THIS
THING KNOWS
NOTHING OF.
COSMIC POWERS
ARE CONCERNED
WITH MY ACTIONS!

I KNOW THIS
CAN BE DONE.

IF I MEET IT ON
THE MENTAL
PLANE.



IT SEEMS
TO HAVE
EVOLVED IN
THE PHANTOM
ZONE.

IT'S A PRODUCT OF
ITS ENVIRONMENT.

AN ENVIRONMENT
I UNDERSTAND AND
CAN CONTROL.

WHILE I... I--

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I AM!

OOO TARRRRRR!!!



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KRYPTONIAN
TECH IS
LETTING ME IN.

IT DOESN'T LIKE
NEGATIVE EMOTION.

AND I'VE TWICE BEEN
SUFFUSED BY BLACK
SPHERE ENERGY.

I HAVE TO DO THIS.
I WILL DO THIS.


FAILURE WILL
MEAN THE END OF
THE UNIVERSE.

THE END OF
MY UNIVERSE.

YARGGHH!!!




AHHHHHHHHH!



OH.

OH.


ONE
THING AT
A TIME.



THE CATERPILLAR'S
VANISHED. BUT I CAN
STILL FEEL THIS THING'S
CONNECTION TO HIM.

I CAN FEEL... SUCH
STRENGTH NOW. I'M LIKE
A UNIVERSE, BEYOND
PHYSICAL LAW.

ALL THE SACRIFICES
WERE WORTH IT.



EVEN
YOURS.

I ONCE
THOUGHT
I ONLY
WANTED THE
POWER OF
A LANTERN
RING.

BUT THIS IS...
SO MUCH MORE
POWER.
ENORMOUS
POWER.

WHEN
I ENCOUNTERED
DEATH,
I WONDERED
IF THERE WAS
JUDGMENT--

--IF THERE
WAS A GOD--

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If you plan on attending WonderCon be sure to stop by the DC booth first thing to get the lowdown on what's happening at the show. For more information you can check out Comic-con.org/WC.

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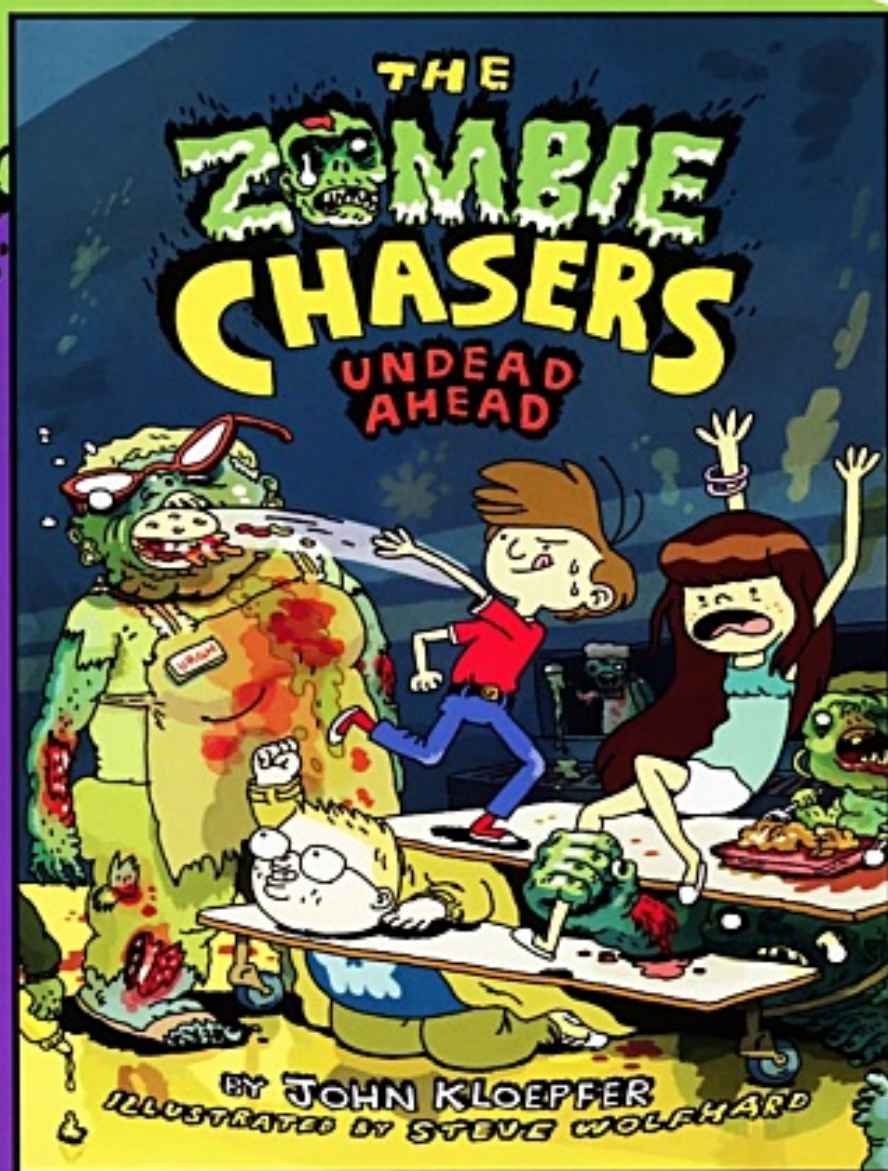
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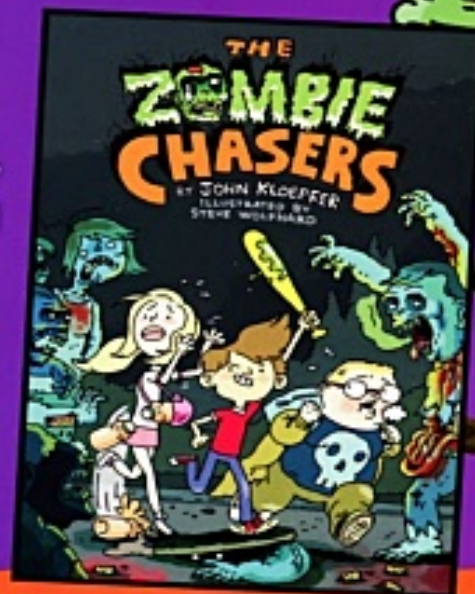


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